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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ACT TO CONSTRUCT FENCE ALONG BORDER

1. JULY 13 EXCELSIOR CARRIES ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE FROM WASHINGTON REPORTING THAT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED BY VOTE OF 370 TO 11 (WITH 52 NOT VOTING), A BILL WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE USG TO CONSTRUCT FENCE ALONG ENTIRE US-MEXICAN FRONTIER. AUTHOR NOTED THIS IS AN APPROPRIATION BILL WHICH NOW GOES BEFORE SENATE. HE ALSO RELATED EXCERPTS OF ALLEGED EXCHANGE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES HENRY GONZALEZ OF TEXAS AND CHET HOLIFIELD OF CALIFORNIA WHICH, IF QUOTED CORRECTLY, WOULD ESTABLISH PURPOSE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AS BEING RELATED TO CONTROL OF ENTRY OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS AWARE OF FACT THAT INS TRADITIONALLY HAS INCLUDED IN ITS BUDGET A REQUEST FOR FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO CONSTRUCT RELATIVELY SHORT STRETCH OF FENCE IN TIJUANA AREA. IF THIS IS WHAT PRESENT LEGISLATION REFERS TO, EARLY CLARIFICATION OF THAT POINT IS RECOMMENDED. GIVEN JULY 16-17 WASHINGTON MEETINGS OF ILLEGALS, THIS SUBJECT WILL LEAD TO INQUIRIES EITHER IN MEXICO CITY OR AT TIME OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ANY PROJECT OF THE TYPE ANTICIPATED IS OF SUCH

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